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SUMMARY: THE PRC AND THE PHILIPPINES ISSUED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE JUNE 9 ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS AN ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE, PROVIDES THAT NATURALIZED CITIZENS FROM EITHER COUNTRY AUTOMATICALLY LOSE THEIR FORMER CITIZENSHIP, AND PLEDGES NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THE GOP RECOGNIZED THE PRC AS THE "SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT" OF CHIAN AND PROMISED TO END ALL OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION WITH THE GRC WITHIN ONE MONTH. IN ADDITION, A TRADE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED THE SAME DAY. END SUMMARY

1. THE PHILIPPINES HAS BECOME THE 100TH COUNTRY AND SECOND

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ASEAN NATION TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

THE JUNE 9, 1975 JOINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI AND PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS FOLLOWS MARCOS' MEETINGS AND TALKS WITH CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG, PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI, ACTING HOST VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING, AND OTHER PRC LEADERS DURING THE PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT'S HISTORIC VISIT TO THE PRC WHICH BEGAN JUNE 7.

2. ON JUNE 9, PRC MEDIA CARRIED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT'S TERMINATION OF ALL EXISTING OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN, AS WELL AS MANILA'S ABROGATION OF THE TREATY OF AMITY AND FRIENDSHIP AND ALL OTHER AGREEMENTS WITH THE TAIPEI GOVERNMENT. IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT "RECOGNIZES" THE PRC AS THE "SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA" AND STATES THAT IT "FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND RESPECTS THE POSITION OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT THAT THERE IS BUT ONE CHINA AND THAT TAIWAN IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF CHINESE TERRITORY....." THE COMMUNIQUE'S NEW AND UNUSUAL WRINKLE IS INCLUSION OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO REMOVE ALL ITS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM TAIWAN WITHIN ONE MONTH. THE TWO SIDES ALSO AGREED TO EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS "AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE".

3. THE DOCUMENT IS PATTERNED ON, AND AT TIMES EMBODIES, THE SAME LANGUAGE AS THE SINO-MALAYASIAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF MAY 31, 1974 WITH BOTH COUNTRIES IN ESSENCE AGREEING TO RESPECT THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND OPPOSING HEGEMONY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPHERES OF INFLUENCE. IN BOTH CASES, THE ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE PERTAINS WORLDWIDE AND IS NOT SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TO THE ASIAN REGION AS IN THE SINO-JAPANESE HEGEMONY CLAUSE. THE ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE WAS FIRST CONTAINED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, AFTER WHICH THE JAPANESE VERSION IS PATTERNED.

4. ON THE IMPORTANT ISSUE OF CITIZENSHIP AND NATIONALITY, THE SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT IS RATHER NARROWLY DEFINED AND LESS BINDING ON PEKING THAN WAS THE AGREEMENT WITH MALAYSIA. WHEREAS IN THAT EARLIER COMMUNIQUE, PEKING DULY REITERATED THE POSI-

TION TAKEN PREVIOUSLY IN A TREATY WITH INDONESIA THAT (A) DECLARED CHINA DOES NOT RECOGNIZE DUAL NATIONALITY, (B) ENJOINED

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THOSE RETAINING CHINESE NATIONALITY TO ABIDE BY THE LAWS OF THE HOST COUNTRY, AND (C) INDICATED THAT THE PRC WOULD PROTECT SUCH PERSONS' "PROPER RIGHTS AND INTERESTS," THE PRC-PHILIPPINE COMMUNIQUE MERELY NOTES BOTH COUNTRIES' AGREEMENT THAT "A CITIZEN OF EITHER COUNTRY WHO ACQUIRES CITIZENSHIP OF THE OTHER AUTOMATICALLY FORFEITS HIS ORIGINAL CITIZENSHIP."

5. BOTH SIDES CONDEMNED FOREIGN AGGRESSION, SUBVERSION, AND ALL

ATTEMPTS BY ANY COUNTRY TO CONTROL ANY OTHER COUNTRY OR TO INTERFERE IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS; THE MALAYASIAN COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT SUCH ACTION IS "IMPERMISSIBLE." HOWEVER, ONCE AGAIN, THE PRC (I.E. MAO AND CHOU) HAS BEEN REPORTED AS PROVIDING PRIVATE ASSURANCES THAT CHINA WILL NOT INTERFERE IN THE PHILIPPINES' INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

6 ON JUNE 9, NCNA REPORTED THAT TENG AND MARCOS WITNESSED THE SIGNING OF A SINO-PHILIPPINE TRADE AGREEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE COMMUNIQUE. AS IS CUSTOMARY, NO DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT WERE PROVIDED. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO TOOK NOTE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES BUT THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO AN AGENDA. ALSO MISSING WAS ANY CHARACTERIZATION OF THE ATMOSPHERE OF TALKS BETWEEN CHINESE AND PHILIPPINE LEADERS AND THE COMMUNIQUE AVOIDED REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OR AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL POSITIONS.
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